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Applicant(s) hereby appeal the final rejection of Claims 21 to 25 and 27 to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Office Action dated October 6, 2003.

The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

- An extension of time to respond to the final rejection was granted on for 1. month(s).
- A Petition For Extension Of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 is attached hereto in 2. triplicate.
- A timely response to the final rejection has been filed. 3. П
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 - Not required (fee paid in prior appeal)
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